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EXAMINING GROUP 2186**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR EMULATING  
OPERATING SYSTEM  
METADATA TO  
PROVIDE CROSS-  
PLATFORM ACCESS TO  
STORAGE VOLUMES**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of November 21, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.